



# DAY TRIP TO DOUBLE TROUBLE VILLAGE

From Toms River · Ocean County, New Jersey



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AND COMPANY



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## GROUND 8 A.M.–DUSK

A state historic site at the heart of Double Trouble State Park. Grounds open 8 a.m. to dusk; buildings on guided tours.

Double Trouble is an easy half day from Toms River. Walk the village, then take the Nature Trail or the Mill Pond Trail past the old bogs and reservoirs. To see inside the sawmill and the packing house you need a guided tour, so call ahead.

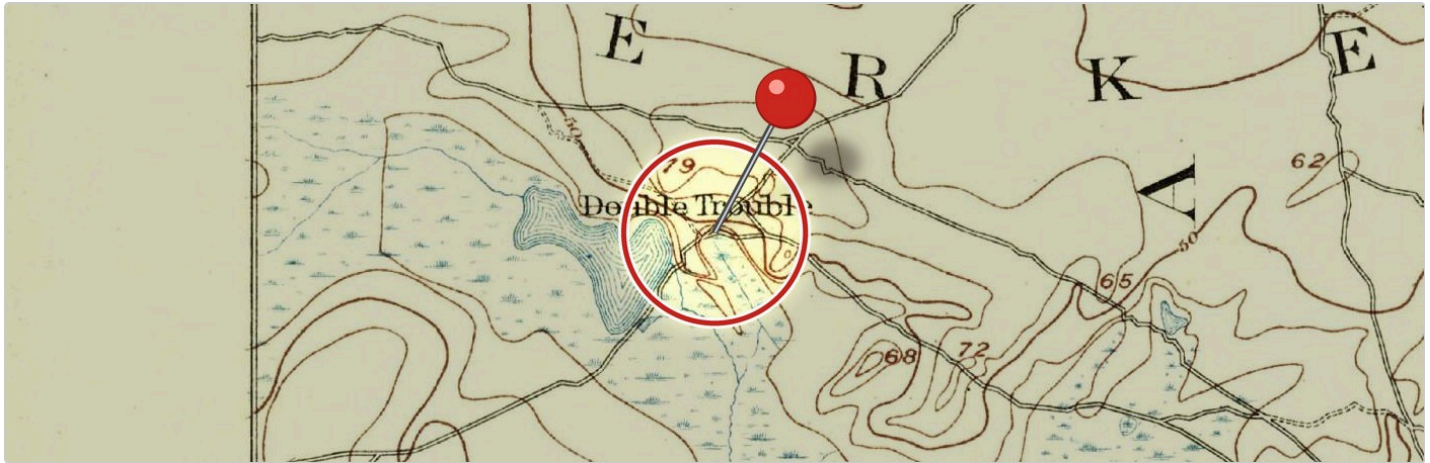
## A SAMPLE DAY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Morning             | Drive the Parkway from Toms River and leave the car in the village parking area.                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Late morning</b> | Walk the village and see the sawmill, the packing house, the school, the store and the cottages from outside. Join a guided tour if one is running. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon           | Hike the Mill Pond Trail to the reservoir dam, or the Nature Trail through the cedar swamp.                                                         |

Coming from Philadelphia? The drive is about an hour and 20 minutes.

## WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The sawmill.** A metal-sided mill building at the edge of the village.
- **The bogs.** Old bogs and reservoirs line the trails around the village.
- **The Mill Pond dam.** The Mill Pond Trail leads to the dam on Cedar Creek and the reservoir behind it.
- **Drones.** Not without a NJ State Parks special use permit.



USGS topographic map, 1888 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

## DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

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| DRIVE          | 5 mi, about 8 min each way from downtown Toms River. From Philadelphia: 54 mi, about 1 h 21 min.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| OPEN           | Grounds 8 a.m. to dusk. The sawmill and packing house open only during guided tours. The state lists public tours but posts no schedule; call the village at 732-341-4098.                                                                                                        |
| ADMISSION      | No entrance fee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| TIME ON SITE   | The state's pages don't say.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| RESTROOMS      | The state's pages don't mention any. A January 2020 photo shows a village building signed Information and Rest Rooms; call ahead rather than count on it.                                                                                                                         |
| FOOD AND WATER | The state's pages list none. There are no picnic tables in the historic site or the park, fires and grills are banned, and no food or drink is allowed inside the historic buildings.                                                                                             |
| WALKING        | Over 8 miles of blazed trails, mostly flat sand roads. A section of the Nature Trail crosses a cedar swamp and Cedar Creek between Lower Hooper Bog and Sweetwater reservoir. Take care around the bogs and reservoirs.                                                           |
| PETS           | On a leash of 6 feet or less, cleaned up after, and not inside the historic buildings except service animals.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| PHOTOGRAPHY    | Personal photography outdoors is allowed. No photos or video inside the buildings without written permission. Paid portrait sessions need a special use permit, and nothing may be attached to or propped on the buildings. Drones and metal detectors need a special use permit. |
| WEBSITE        | <a href="https://dep.nj.gov/parksandforests/state-park/double-trouble-village">dep.nj.gov/parksandforests/state-park/double-trouble-village</a>                                                                                                                                   |

## BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

**Coordinates** 39.89768, -74.22175 • 39°53'52"N  
74°13'18"W

**Directions** [Google Maps](#)

**Full guide** [abandonedtowns.com/new-jersey/double-trouble-state-park/](https://abandonedtowns.com/new-jersey/double-trouble-state-park/)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.